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1. BENIN'S COMPLAINT --

FRENCH PERM REP LEPRETTE TOLD AMB SHERER THE FRENCH DO NOT APPROVE OF THE USE OF THE TERM "COMPENSATION" IN THE BENINESE DRAFT FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, AND UNDERSTAND USG CONCERN WITH SUCH A CONCEPT. HE SAID THE FRENCH WILL BE WORKING WITH THE BENINESE AND THINK IT CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THE FINAL DRAFTING. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 778)

2. WALDHEIM/HERZOG CONVERSATION --

ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG MET WITH SYG WALDHEIM, AND ISRAELIS INFORMED US WALDHEIM HAD SUGGESTED MEETING IN ORDER TO CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES AS HE HAD SAID HE INTENDED TO DO IN HIS REPORT. WALDHEIM TOLD HERZOG HE UNDERSTOOD INTRA-ARAB DIFFICULTIES INFLUENCED THE DELAY IN CALLING A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER HIS REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, LIBYA ARGUING FOR FULL-SCALE DEBATE NOT LIMITED TO SYG'S REPORT AND SYRIA SEEKING DELAY OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL CONVOCATION. WALDHEIM ADDED IT WAS HIS UNDER-CONFIDENTIAL

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STANDING A LARGE ELEMENT OF THE SYRIAN OBJECTION WAS PROMPTED BY NOT WISHING TO CEDE TOO EASILY TO AN EGYPTIAN-SPONSORED COURSE OF ACTION. WALDHEIM HAD ALSO SAID, ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELIS, THAT CHAIRMAN FALL (SENEGAL) OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAD BEEN RECEPTIVE TO HIS POINTING OUT THAT THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT PUSH FOR AN SC MEETING UNTIL AFTER MID-APRIL WHEN THE SC SCHEDULE WOULD BE MORE OPEN. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 782)

3. TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL --

SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT SYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PEREZ DE CUELLAR TRANSMITTED ICAO MESSAGE IN MEMORANDUM TO DENKTASH MARCH 14. MEMORANDUM, WHICH WAS DELIVERED THROUGH TFSC (FOREIGN MINISTER" CELIK, EXPRESSED SYG WALDHEIM'S CONCERN OVER TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN NORTHERN PORTION OF NICOSIA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION AND HOPE THAT AGREED SOLUTION COULD

BE ARRIVED AT PROMPTLY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 780)

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4. COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM --

AT 10-MINUTE MEETING MARCH 16, GUINEA NOMINATED, AND THE COMMITTEE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION, HOVEYDA (IRAN) AS CHAIRMAN. BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ALGERIAN PROPOSAL TO ADJOURN FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON VICE CHAIRMEN AND RAPPORTEUR, IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE ONLY A MORNING MEETING MARCH 17 BECAUSE OF THE "UNUSUAL EVENT" IN THE EVENING (SPEECH BY PRESIDENT CARTER).

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ALTHOUGH WEO GROUP PREFERENCE FOR VICE CHAIRMAN REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL

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SWEDEN (PERSON), IT STILL HAS NO FIRM CANDIDATE. PERSON IS INTERESTED, AND AMB YOUNG ASKED SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO HAVE STOCKHOLM RECONSIDER ITS DECISION THAT SWEDEN NOT ACCEPT. UK ASKED CANADA TO BE CANDIDATE IF SWEDEN CONTINUES TO DECLINE. OTHER GROUPS ARE UNDECIDED ALSO ABOUT BUREAU CANDIDACIES. RAPPORTEURSHIP WILL APPARENTLY GO TO AN AFRICAN, POSSIBLY ZAIRE. WEO GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED COMMITTEE'S METHOD OF WORK, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WHATEVER METHOD IT SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT SUBJECTS OF CAUSES OF TERRORISM AND STATE TERRORISM FROM ARISING, AND DECIDED TO RESUME DISCUSSION MARCH 17. INFORMALLY YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED TO USDEL THAT THE COMMITTEE DEVOTE REMAINING TIME, ONCE BUREAU IS ELECTED, TO "INFORMAL" EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS TO HOW COMMITTEE MIGHT USEFULLY APPROACH SUBJECT OF "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM" IN FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 784)

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5. BYRD AMENDMENT --

UN SPOKESMAN, AT NOON BRIEFING, SAID SYG WALDHEIM
"WELCOMES" SENATE REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT "AS A VERY POSITIVE
DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF
THE SC AND PARTICULARLY OF NOVEMBER 1965." (USUN 785)

6. OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUED ITS GENERAL EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS MARCH 16, HEARING STATEMENTS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF

AUSTRIA, GDR, BELGIUM, US AND SOVIET UNION. AFTERWARDS, THE "MINI-GROUP" OF WORKING GROUP I MET IN CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER THE MAIN OUTSTANDING ISSUE REGARDING THE MOON TREATY -- QUESTION OF THE MOON'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

LUTHER (GDR) STATED THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF THE FREEDOM OF OUTER SPACE WAS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CODIFICATION AND PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF OUTER SPACE LAW; HOWEVER, SOME STATES SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO SAP THE CONTENT OF THIS BASIC PRINCIPLE BY UNILATERALLY CLAIMING SOVEREIGNTY OVER PARTS OF OUTER SPACE. GDR CONSIDERED THAT THE FORMULA BASED ON THE "PRINCIPLE OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND" WAS INADEQUATE WITHOUT LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-APPROPRIATION OF OUTER SPACE AND THE CELESTIAL BODIES WAS OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE FREEDOM OF OUTER SPACE IN GENERAL, AND THE GDR WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ACCOUNT TAKEN OF THIS PRINCIPLE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT MOON TREATY, LUTHER STATED. MAJORSKI (SOVIET UNION) AGREED WITH THE GDR VIEWS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS DEALING WITH "A VERY IMPORTANT THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL QUESTION."

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HOLGER (AUSTRIA) SAID THAT THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THE MOON TREATY WERE NOT IRRECONCILABLE. DELROT (BELGIUM) SUGGESTED THAT A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND ALONG THE LINES OF ITALY'S "REALISTIC" PROPOSAL LAST YEAR ON THE QUESTION OF THE MOON'S RESOURCES. ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES, THERE WERE THREE FACTORS TO BE DEALT WITH, AND DELROT BELIEVED THAT THEY COULD BE RECONCILED: TECHNICAL RESTRAINTS, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. AS HE SAW IT, A SOLUTION MIGHT BE FOUND THROUGH A FORMULA TO THE EFFECT THAT STATES SHOULD PROMOTE TO THE FULL THE RECEPTION OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS FROM ABROAD WHICH WERE COMPATIBLE WITH NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND PUBLIC ORDER. ON THE PROBLEM OF "OVERSPILL," STATES COULD ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS IF THERE WERE ANY DIFFICULTIES, AND IF NECESSARY SEEK COMPENSATION IN THE COURT.

HOSENBALL GAVE A DETAILED REVIEW OF US SPACE ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR. HE REPORTED INTER ALIA THAT OVER 50 COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOW SHARING IN NASA'S LANDSAT RESEARCH PROGRAM, AND THAT ALL THE IMAGERY COLLECTED WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE EARTH RESOURCES CENTER IN SIOUX FALLS, WHICH HAD ALREADY SERVED CUSTOMERS FROM APPROXIMATELY 130 COUNTRIES. HE ALSO REFERRED TO INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF SPACE RESEARCH CARRIED OUT BY THE FRG, UK, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, JAPAN

AND OTHER COUNTRIES. A NASA PUBLICATION DESCRIBING THE
JOINT APOLLO-SOYEZ PROGRAM WAS DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS
AT HIS REQUEST.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM --

VIEWS ON AGENDA, REPRESENTATION, DATES, PLACE, COSTS
AND COUMENTATION FOR THE 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT
RACISM WERE EXPRESSED IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE MARCH 16 BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF SOMALIA, IRAQ, ALGERIA, SOVIET
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UNION, SYRIA, UK, PHILIPPINES, FRANCE AND FRG. SOMALIA
PROPOSEL THAT THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE BE EXTENDED
FROM TWO TO THREE WEEKS. SOVIET UNION FELT THAT NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE INVITED AS WELL AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF OAU AND LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, AND
PARTICIPATION BY NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE
RELATIVE TO THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACHIEVING THE GOALS
OF THE DECADE. SEVERAL DELEGATES EXPRESSED REGRET AT
WITHDRAWAL OF GHANA'S INVITATION TO HOST THE CONFERENCE.
UK SUGGESTED THE SECRETARIAT PROVIDE DETAILS ON ALTERNATIVE
SITES AND SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE INFORMATION ON
THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. SYG REPRESENTATIVE SANON
TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE THERE HAD BEEN NO NEW INVITATION TO
HOST THE CONFERENCE AND AT THIS JUNCTURE THE CHOICES FOR
A VENUE WERE GENEVA AND NEW YORK. THE SUBCOMMITTEE THEN
PROCEEDED TO AN ITEM-BY-ITEM DISCUSSION OF A PROVISIONAL
AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

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